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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed April 7, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 2, 7, 8, 12 and 14 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 3-6, 9-11 and 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,564,323 (Takahashi et al.). Takahashi is directed to a personal information controlling method and personal information controlling apparatus that controls pieces of personal information and for outputting a specific piece of personal information. A